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**ATTN: MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
PATENT APPLICATION**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

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For: "FLEA HEAD, NERVE CORD,
HINDGUT AND MALPIGHIAN
TUBULE NUCLEIC ACID
MOLECULES, PROTEINS AND
USES THEREOF"

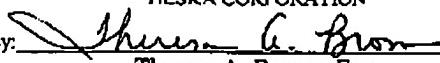
Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed on October 20, 2004, Applicants traverse the requirement and request reconsideration based on the following remarks. A Petition for an Extension of Time of one month is submitted herewith.

Pending claims 1-20 have been restricted into the following groups of claims:

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| Group I: | Claims 1-8 and 18 drawn to nucleic acid molecules, recombinant molecules or viruses comprising said nucleic acid molecules and a cell comprising said nucleic acid molecules; |
| Group II: | Claims 9-11 drawn to a method of producing a protein comprising transfecting a host cell with nucleic acid molecules that hybridize to the |

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING FACSIMILE TRANSMITTED TO EXAMINER NANCY T. VOGL, PhD, FAX NO. 703-872-9306, ADDRESSED TO MAIL STOP AMENDMENT, COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, THIS 20TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2004.
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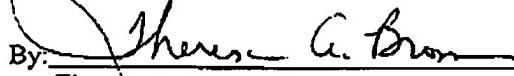
nucleic acids shown in Table I or II or those complementary to said nucleic acids;

- Group III: Claims 12-14, 17 and 19 drawn to an isolated protein which is encoded by a nucleic acid molecule that hybridizes to the nucleic acid molecules complementary to the nucleic acid molecules shown in Table I or II;
- Group IV: Claims 15 and 20 drawn to an antibody that binds to said protein; and
- Group V: Claim 16 drawn to a method of identify a compound capable of inhibiting activity of said isolated protein.

Although Applicants believe the examination of all the claims would not pose a serious burden on the Examiner, Applicants nevertheless elect the Group I claims for further prosecution and further elect SEQ.ID.NO: 26 as the individual sequence for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 20, 2004

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